

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before line 1 of the specification, please insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of co-pending Application No. 09/888,568, filed on June 26, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 2002-191442 filed in Japan on June 26, 2000 under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 3-6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The tape 11 is a raw rubber tape in which band cords 10 are embedded along the length thereof in parallel with each other. The width W of the tape 11 is preferably in a range ~~rang~~ of from 3 to 20 mm.